

Librarian's Corner



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Notes from the Librarian

Reading is a window to the world. It is a foundational skill for learning, personal growth, and enjoyment. Thus begins my quote for the month. Click on the link below for the article, "[Did your child have 1000 hours of one-on-one reading by first grade?](#)"

Libraries across the United States will be celebrating **National Library** week in April. In addition to the celebrations, April is also Poetry Month.

Ms. Glapion and Ms. Silverman's classes will get a visit from an upcoming children book author, Jim Sutton. Everyone is excited about his coming.

Look who got caught reading!



Ms. Silverman's kindergarten class just finished their cultural unit's travel to China, France, Mexico, and the United States. Below is an activity they completed for Chinese New Year.



Accelerated Reader (AR) Testing

The library is open for AR tests from 7:30am to 7:50 am Monday-Friday, during school and after school from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm accompanied with a parent or guardian.



During the latter part of February and early March 2nd graders conducted research in the library on different kinds of animals. Look for their displays coming soon.

Top 12 Books circulated in March

12. Umbrella Summer
11. Diego Rivera
10. The most excellent book of how to be a magician
9. Falling up
8. Horton hatches the egg
7. Jacob Lawrence
6. Disgusting bugs
5. Babymouse
4. Mrs. Cooney is Loony!
3. Stella the star fairy
2. Scary stories 3
1. The Missing Piece Meets the Big "O"

Future Events

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| April 10 | Kolter Grades 3-5 "Name That Book" Competition |
| April 17-20 | Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference |

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Imprint for Young People presents **Trenton Lee Stewart**, author of the New York Times bestselling series *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, Sunday, **April 29, 2012 @3:00 pm** at Johnston Middle School. Mr. Stewart will be reading from his new book *The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict*. For more information about this event, click on the above link to find out more including entering a drawing for signed books and posters.

Quote of the Month

"Reading is a window to the world. It is a foundational skill for learning, personal growth, and enjoyment. The degree to which students can read and understand text in all formats (e.g., picture, video, print) and all contexts is a key indicator of success in school and in life. As a lifelong learning skill, reading goes beyond decoding and comprehension to interpretation and development of new understandings".
American Association of School Librarians (AASL), Standards for the 21st Century Learner

Reading Resources

<http://abookandahug.com/>

A search guide to finding the right book

<http://www.guysread.com/>

A web-based literary program for boys founded by author Jon Scieszka

<http://www.wegivebooks.org/>

Read a book. Give a book

<http://www.bookadventure.com/home.aspx>

This is a fun and free site aimed to motivate kids to read.

<http://www.mightybook.com>

Animated read-along stories for kids

Coming in the May Issue

★ Name that Book winners for grades 3-5

★ Joe Sutton, author of *Wanda and the Oblahlahs* reading to the kinder classes.

★ Information on Kolter's 2012 summer reading program.

If you have comments, suggestions, or quips, I would love to hear from you.

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